GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CHECKS ON POPULATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of the country has touched one billion mark and further increase in the population is dangerous for the development of the country;

(b) the steps being taken/to be taken by the Government to check the increase in the population;

(c) whether the World Population Day was observed on the 10th July, 2000;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any programme has been announced/proposed on that day by the Union Government to control the population;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Population Policy, 2000 adopted by the Government since February, 2000 enumerates certain socio-demographic goals to be achieved by 2010 alongwith strategies, which will lead to achieving population stabilization by 2045.

(c) Yes, Sir. It was observed on 11th July.

(d) Activities like population race at various centres all over the country through the Sports Authority of India, Plays by Song & Drama Division, Kavi Sammelan/Mushairain Hindi Speaking States and other such activities were organised by all States/UTs, to make people aware about the adverse impacts of high population growth on development.

(e),(f)&(g) No, Sir. Does not arise.